steps Government propose to take for its reopening?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Sadar Bazar Muktsar post office has been discontinued with effect from 31.8.1986.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, At present, three post office are functioning at muktar namely Muktsar Main post and telegraph office, Muktsar Kutchery and Muktsar New Grain Market. It is considered that these the needs of the town as a whole. There is therefore no proposaal at present for its re-opening. The exaact reasons for discontinuance of the post office in quesetion are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reduction in the Allocation for the Telecommunication Net Work

215. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocations proposed for the development of telecommunication net work in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period have been drastically reduced;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of reduction in the proposed allocation for the purpose, stating the reasons therefor;

(c) what will be its likel yimpacat on the development of various areas of telecommunication net work, stating the areas of development likely to be affected as a consequence thereof; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to achiv the targets envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan priod to the maximum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. the Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 4010 crores to the Department of Telecommunication for the 7th plan priod against a minimum requirement of Rs. 11282 crores.

(b) Allocation is around 35.5 per cent of the minimum investment requirement. Resource constraints has been the cause for low allocation to the Department.

(c) Overall physical targets were reduced accordingly.

(d) The targets envisaged within the Rs. 4010 crore outlay plan are expected to be achieved fully.

Retention of Type-II railway quarters by class-I officers

216. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Class I Officers are residing in type-II railway quarters meant for Lower Division Clearks and other Class II staff in New Delhi;

(b) whether retention of type-II quarters by Class I Officers has jeopardised the rights of Class III staff awaiting allotment of quarters; and

(c) the date by when suchh railway quarters, in the possession of Class I officers are likely to be vacated and allot ted to the deserving class III staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में इलैक्ट्रानिक टेलीफोन केन्द्र

217. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आगामी पांच वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में किन-किन टेलीफोन केन्द्रों को इलैक्ट्रानिक टेलीफोन केन्द्रों में परिवर्तित किए जाने की संभावना है ;